

CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please add new claims ¹17 and ¹18 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version set forth below. Entry is respectfully requested.

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New 17. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said kinetic measurement, data manipulation and determination monitoring are continued until the assay is considered to have reached a substantial steady state.

New 18. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said kinetic measurement, data manipulation and determination monitoring are discontinued before the assay reaches a substantial steady state.